Flood control in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

1895. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amount released by the Central Government to North East Council (NEC) for flood control in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) what amount out of the Central assistance has been allocated for flood control schemes on Lohit, Dibang, Siang, Subansiri and Dikrong rivers in Arunachal Pradesh and Borak and Brahmaputra rivers in Assam;

(c) whether Government contemplate to make the banks of rivers strong particularly that of Brahmaputra river in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No funds were released by the Central Government to North East Council for flood control in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh during the last two years. However, as a special case, Central Loan Assistance to the tune of Rs. 50.00 crore have been released to Assam at the rate of Rs. 25.00 crore annually during the financial years 1993-94 and 1994-95 for flood management in Brahmaputra Valley. The allocation for flood control on the tributaries of Brahmaputra, is within the purview of the State Government.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Anti-erosion works have been taken up from time strengthen the river banks of Brah-strengthen the river banks of Brahmaputra. At present 5 schemes for anti-erosion works on Brahmaputra costing Rs. 51.67 crore have been contempated by the Government of Assam. Out of these, three schemes costing Rs. 46.11 crore have been approved and clarifications on two schemes costing Rs. 5.56 crore is awaited from the Government of Assam.

Pending irrigation schemes of Madhya Pradesh

1896. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of Madhya Pradesh regarding irrigation schemes which are pending with the Central Government for its approval up to December, 1994; and

(b) the number out of the said pending schemes meant for Adivasi sub plan area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Out of 14 major and 6 medium irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh pending clearance, techno-economic appraisal of 10 major and 3 medium irrigation projects have been completed and these projects have been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to compliance of certain observations such as obtaining environment|forests| rehabilitation and resettlement clearance, concurrence of State Finance Department etc. by the State Government. On one major and one medium irrigation project, the Advisory Committee deferred consideration due to non-clearance from environment|forests|rehabilitation & resettlement plan clearances, review of benefits-cost ratio etc. On remaining 3 major and 2 medium irrigation projects, the State Government is required to sort out various techno-economic issues with the Central Appraising Agencies.

(b) Out of the above, 9 major and 5 medium irrigation projects envisage benefits to tribal areas.